

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 2024-O-00931**

**IN RE: JUDGE EBONI JOHNSON ROSE**

*Judiciary Commission of Louisiana*

**GRIFFIN, J., dissents and assigns reasons.**

I respectfully dissent noting that interim disqualification of a sitting judge is a harsh remedy that must be exercised sparingly as it runs counter to the decision of voters. *See In re Hunter*, 02-1975, pp. 12-13 (La. 8/19/02), 823 So.2d 325, 333-34; La. Const. art. V, § 22(A). This is axiomatic given the high bar articulated for a final decision of removal, namely “willful misconduct relating to [a judge’s] official duty, willful and persistent failure to perform his duty, persistent and public conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, conduct while in office which would constitute a felony, or conviction of a felony.” La. Const. art. V, § 25(C).

The actions of the judge in this matter are cause for concern and may ultimately lead to discipline. However, in my view, they are not so egregious as to warrant the most extreme measures at this point in the Judiciary Commission process.